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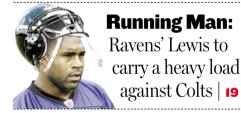
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kok municipal office has launched a new program to increase productivity: Lights go out just past noon and civil servants are invited to take an afternoon nap. Seeking to infuse city workers

Showdown Over Iraq 'Surge' Democrats may deny funds if Bush seeks increase in troops and many Democrats attribute their success in last

WASHINGTON | In a blunt warning to the White House, congressional Democrats said Monday they may seek to deny money for the type of short-term troop buildup President Bush is expected to announce for Iraq on Wednesday.

As Democrats began their first full week in the congressional majority, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he would "look at everything" to wind down the war effort, short of cutting off support for troops already deployed. He said Bush's expected

call for an additional \$100 billion for the war would receive close scrutiny.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi suggested over the weekend using Congress' power to approve spending to restrain any troop buildup.

As commander in chief, Bush has wide constitutional authority to direct the military. Congress' principal power lies in its ability to control federal funding.

More than 3,000 U.S. troops have died in Iraq in a war nearing the end of its fourth year,



Pelosi

and many Democrats attribute their success in last fall's elections to public opposition to the conflict.

Bush is expected to make a nationwide televised address on the issue Wednesday. Several officials have said one leading

option for Bush is a so-called "surge" in troop strength, in which about 20,000 troops would be added to the force already in place, in hopes of quelling sectarian violence. DAVID ESPO (AP)

Minority-Led Group Pays \$33M for United



TEAM PLAYERS: Victor MacFarlane, front left, a new owner of D.C. United, jokes with co-owners Brian K. Davis and Christian Laettner, far right, after a news conference Monday announcing the minority-led group's purchase of the team. ❖ Game plan: Building a new stadium tops owners' agenda | Page 18

with a bit more pep, the district office has set up a lunchtime "nap room" with soft music, sweet-smelling flowers and strict rules barring mobile phones and talking, said Surakiet Limcharoen, the district's top official. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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FETISHES

Because Buddha Is SUCH a Turn-On

Thailand on Monday blocked access to, and called on Buddhists around the world to condemn, a pornography Web site that uses an image of Buddha as its logo, an official said. The Web site, Buddha-porn.com, depicts sexual acts beneath an image of a golden statue of a seated Buddha and contains pornographic images divided up in to different categories. (AP)



COMMANDEERING

Either Way, the **Public Got the Shaft**

Cook County (III.) Board president Todd Stroger has lost his private elevator. It hasn't gone missing — but it's now open to the public, just a few weeks after it was set aside for Stroger's private use. When staff members commandeered the elevator closest to Stroger's fifth-floor office at the county building last month, they said it was needed to keep the chatty official on schedule. "It's really for expediting his schedule so we can get him places and get everything completed," spokesman Bill Figel said at the time. (EXPRESS)



Or, Don't Wait **Until We Sing**

"Happy birthday to Tilo! Happy birthday to Tilo! Happy birthday to ... OK, well, um, just have your cake now. That's cool," Tilo, the ruling city bear of Berlin, wasn't waiting to devour his birthday treat on Monday in his enclosure. The bear celebrated his 17th birthday. (EXPRESS)



Students might not have gotten good grades, but at least the exam was easy.

REPORT CARDS

You Get an 'F' for 'Fat'

Almost 140 Hyannis (Mass.) Elementary School students went home last week with letters implying they might be at risk for becoming underweight or overweight after a height and weight screening. Some parents are angry. Vicki Elliott, whose 4-foot-tall, 66pound daughter was sent home with a letter warning that she was "at risk of becoming overweight," said the letter singles out children about a sensitive issue. (AP)



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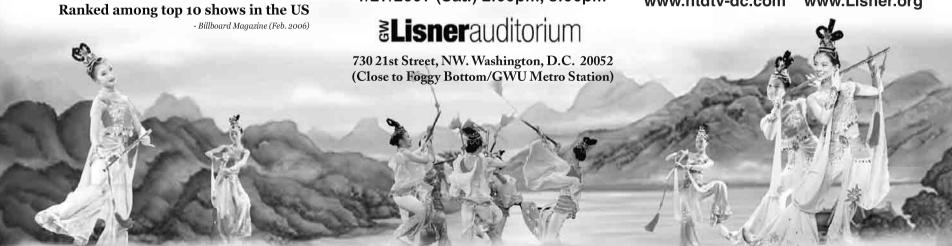
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Professor Rafael Robb was charged Monday in the fatal beating of his wife.

NORRISTOWN, PA.

Penn. Professor Charged With Beating Wife to Death

A University of Pennsylvania professor was charged Monday with beating his wife to death in their suburban kitchen after she told friends she planned to divorce him. Rafael Robb, a 56-year-old economics professor and expert in game theory, had told investigators he was in Philadelphia when his wife was killed Dec. 22. (AP)

MIAMI

Positive Test for Explosive At Port Ruled a False Alarm

The Port of Miami was hit by its second terrorism scare in two days Monday when a package that was to be loaded onto a cruise ship tested positive for plastic explosives. Authorities later determined it was harmless. The package was destroyed, and a Miami-Dade County police bomb squad determined it held sprinkler parts, said police spokesman Bobby Williams. (AP)

Calif. Gov. Eyes Health Care for All

Schwarzenegger calls for businesses to pay for universal coverage

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday proposed to extend health coverage to nearly all of California's 6.5 million uninsured people, promising to spread the cost among businesses, individuals, hospitals, doctors, insurers and government.

The plan contains elements that are likely to provoke opposition from a wide range of powerful interests, including doctors, hospitals and insurers, as well as employers and unions. But it also contains incentives for each of them.

All children, regardless of their immigration status, would be covered through an expansion of the state and federal Healthy Families program.

"I don't think it is a question or a debate if they ought to be covered.



ONE FOR ALL: Appearing via video conference, Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger discusses his universal health-care plan.

... The federal courts have made that decision — that no one can be turned away," Schwarzenegger said.

Under Schwarzenegger's state

plan, all Californians would be required to have insurance, although the poorest would be subsidized.

Businesses with 10 or more | exempt. Laura kurtzman (AP)

employees would have to offer insurance to their workers or pay 4 percent of their payroll into a state fund. Smaller businesses would be exemple, LAURA KURTZMAN (AP)

Man Sentenced In Subway Plot

NEW YORK | A Pakistani immigrant was sentenced to 30 years in prison Monday for hatching an unsuccessful plot to blow up a busy Manhattan subway station as revenge for wartime abuses of Iraqis.

Shahawar Matin Siraj, 24, was arrested on the eve of the 2004 Republican National Convention. Though there was no proof he ever obtained explosives or was linked to any terror organizations, prosecutors said his intentions were ominous: He wanted to blow up the Herald Square subway station, a bustling transportation hub located beneath Macy's flagship department store.

Siraj showed no reaction as the sentence was read. He faces deportation when his sentence is completed. (AP)

Khalilzad Gets Nod for U.N. Envoy

WASHINGTON | President Bush will nominate Zalmay Khalilzad to be the U.S. envoy to the United Nations and veteran diplomat Ryan Crocker to replace him as ambassador to Iraq, the administration said Monday.

Both changes had been revealed in news reports last week.

"If confirmed, Ryan and Zal will have two of the hardest and most consequential jobs in the world," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

Khalilzad, who is Afghan born, has also served as ambassador to Afghanistan. He will replace John Bolton, who could not win Senate confirmation and resigned last month as his temporary appointment as U.N. ambassador was about to expire. (AP)



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Authorities set up a staging area on Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas. on Monday. About 60 birds were found dead on the major road and will be tested further.

Dead Birds Cause Austin Shutdown

Main route filled with 60 fallen creatures; no danger in air quality

AUSTIN, TEXAS | Police shut down 10 blocks of businesses in the heart of downtown Austin Monday morning after dozens of birds were found dead in the streets, but officials said preliminary tests showed no air quality problems and the area reopened around 1 p.m.

As many as 60 dead pigeons, sparrows and grackles were found overnight along Congress Avenue, a main route through downtown. No human injuries or illnesses were reported.

"We do not feel there is a threat to the public health," said Adolfo Valadez, the medical director for Austin and Travis County Health and Human Services.

He said preliminary air-quality tests showed no dangerous chemicals, though the dead birds would be sent for further testing to rule out viruses or poison.

Experts at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society said the most likely cause was a deliberate poisoning of the troublesome grackles, which is more common than people think. It's also legal, with local permits, said Greg Butcher, director of bird conservation at the Audubon in Washington.

Austin officials were smart to take it so seriously, though, Butcher said, because birds' "requirements for life are pretty similar to our requirements for life" so they can serve as an early warning for risks to human health. JIM VERTUNG (AP)

Bush Taps Fielding as New Counsel

WASHINGTON | President Bush has chosen Fred Fielding, formerly the top lawyer in the Reagan administration, to be his White House counsel. The announcement will be made Tuesday, according to a Bush administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Fielding will become Bush's counsel just as newly empowered Democrats in Congress plan deeper scrutiny of the administration. From the Iraq war to environmental policy and secret surveillance, the Democrats who now control both the House and Senate are armed with subpoena power and ready to summon panels of witnesses.

Fielding will replace Harriet Miers, Bush's failed Supreme Court nominee and longtime adviser. (AP)

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The number of years late that a letter, postmarked Oct. 26, 1954, arrived at a home in Ferndale, Pa. Brian McAteer now lives at the house and is searching for the intended recipient.

Something Stinks in N.Y.C.

Mayor says air is safe in Big Apple despite the inexplicable odor

NEW YORK | They bombarded 911 with calls, crowded the sidewalks in front of evacuated buildings and tuned to the news for word of what was happening. The question on the minds of many New Yorkers on Monday morning was: "What's that smell?

A natural gas-like odor hung over much of Manhattan and parts of New Jersey, confounding authorities. The smell seemed to be gone by early afternoon.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said there was no indication the air was unsafe. "It may just be an unpleasant smell," he said. He said sensors did not show an unusually high concentration of natural gas, and Con Edison reported it found no gas leaks.

The mayor said the smell may have been caused by a leak of a substance called mercaptan that is



Tape blocks a train station entrance in N.Y.C. as a precaution due to Monday's odor.

added to natural gas for safety reasons to give it a recognizable odor. By itself, natural gas is odorless.

Some commuter trains running between New Jersey and Manhattan were suspended for about an hour as a precaution. A few city schools were briefly evacuated. Some apartment dwellers were advised to close their windows. Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said there was nothing to suggest terrorism.

"That smell was stinking. It smelled, like, toxic," said Alfred Stewart, 47, who lives in Manhattan. Karen matthews (AP)

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NEW STROKES: Paris' famed Louvre museum could open a branch in the United Arab Emirates capital, Abu Dhabi, if ongoing talks succeed, a tourism official said Monday. Abu Dhabi officials want five prestigious museum branches for a new cultural district.

World

In Brief



Moroccan Mounir El Motassadeq listens to court proceedings in Hamburg.

HAMBURG, GERMANY Man Gets 15 Years in Prison For Aiding 9/11 Hijackers

A Moroccan man convicted of aiding three of the four suicide pilots who committed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks was sentenced Monday to the maximum of 15 years in prison for his role in the terror plot. A German federal appeals court convicted Mounir el Motassadeq in November of knowingly helping the hijackers and sent the case to a state court in Hamburg for sentencing. (AP)

CARACAS, VENEZUELA Chavez Plans to Nationalize Power, Telecom Companies

President Hugo Chavez announced plans Monday to nationalize Venezuela's electrical and telecommunications companies, pledging to create a socialist state in a bold move with echoes of Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution. Chavez, who will be sworn in Wednesday to a third term, also said he wanted a constitutional amendment to eliminate the autonomy of the Central Bank and would soon ask the National Assembly to give him greater powers to legislate by presidential decree. (AP)

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA Genocide Trial Begins For Key Rwandan Official

A former governor went on trial before the U.N. war crimes tribunal Monday accused of being one of the main perpetrators of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Lt. Col. Tharcisse Renzaho, the former governor of the Rwandan capital, Kigali, planned massacres and rapes, prosecutor Jonathan Moses said by telephone after the trial began. Renzaho's post as governor gave him authority over the police force. (AP)

Russia Suspends Oil Flow to Europe

Amid trade dispute with Belarus, Moscow halts key pipeline use

MINSK, BELARUS | Russian oil exports to Europe via neighboring Belarus were halted as a bitter trade dispute between Moscow and Minsk spilled over into several European countries, including Germany and Poland.

EU energy chief Andris Piebalgs said Monday the situation posed "no immediate risk" to energy supplies in the European Union. However, Germany, which holds the EU presidency, called for the oil deliveries through a pipeline that transits Belarus to be resumed "as quickly as possible."

Yet the disruption to Russian oil supplies to Europe once again highlighted concerns about European energy reliance on Russia a year after its pricing dispute with Ukraine briefly affected EU imports of Russian natural gas.



FUEL FIGHT: A worker speaks on a walkie-talkie in August 2004 at an oil-refining plant located on a branch of the Druzhba, or Frienship, pipeline in Mazyr, Belarus.

Russia's Deputy Trade and Economic Development Minister Andrei Sharonov said Moscow had been forced to suspend oil exports via the Druzhba, or Friendship, pipeline after disruptions he blamed on Minsk. "We view this situation as force majeure," he told Russian news channel Vesti, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Germany and Poland said earlier Monday that Russian oil supplies through Belarus had halted,



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and Russia accused its neighbor of siphoning off oil destined for Europe since the weekend.

A Belarusian delegation left late Monday evening for urgent talks in Moscow.

The head of the Russian state pipeline operator Transneft, Simon Vainshtok, said Belarus, which is furious that Russia is demanding it pay new oil duties, had diverted 79,000 tons of oil so far.



A survivor of the ferry sinking is carried to an ambulance in Makassar, Indonesia.

14 Ferry Survivors Rescued at Sea

MAKASSAR, INDONESIA | Fourteen people who spent nine days on a life raft after their Indonesian ferry sank have been rescued by a cargo ship, the survivors and officials said.

A 15th person died soon after they were plucked from the water Sunday nearly 370 miles from where the ferry, carrying more than 600 people, sank in a storm.

About 245 people have been found alive since the ferry sank

in 12-foot-high waves just before midnight Dec. 29. Only 13 bodies have been recovered.

More than 400 people remain missing. $\,$

One survivor, 35-year-old Sugyiyono, said Monday he believed many were trapped in the ship when it sank.

Eko Supriyanto, a crew member on the cargo ship that picked up the latest survivors, called their story "a miracle." (AP)

U.S. Strikes Al-Qaeda Targets in Somalia

WASHINGTON | The U.S. military launched a strike Monday against several suspected members of al-Qaeda in Somalia, CBS News reported Monday.

The targets, CBS reported, included the senior al-Qaeda leader in East Africa and an al-Qaeda operative wanted for his involvement in the 1998 bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Citing Pentagon sources, CBS reported that an Air Force AC-130 gunship led the attack against the site at the southern tip of Somalia

There was no confirmation that the Air Force had killed either of the al-Qaeda targets. (AP)

On the run: More on the U.S. strike in Somalia against suspected senior terrorist operatives | Today's Post, Al

New Video Shows Saddam's Corpse

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A new video of Saddam Hussein's corpse, with a gaping neck wound, was posted on the Internet early Tuesday, the second leaked release of clandestine pictures from the former leader's hanging.

The video appeared to have been taken with a camera phone, like the

graphic video of the hanging that showed guards taunting Saddam in the final moments of his life.

The footage pans up the shrouded body of the former leader. It apparently was taken shortly after Saddam was executed and placed on a gurney. He was hanged shortly before dawn on Dec. 30. (AP)







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World



Bangladeshi riot police fire rubber bullets to disperse electoral protesters who set fire to a street vendor's wares during a clash in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Monday.

Violent Electoral **Protests Continue**

Bangladeshi police clash with thousands who want vote delayed

DHAKA, BANGLADESH | Police in Bangladesh's capital used tear gas, rubber bullets and batons Monday to disperse thousands of stone-throwing protesters demanding electoral reforms and postponed elections, witnesses and news reports said.

The clashes left at least 300 people injured, including several policemen, in Dhaka and adjoining areas, the United News of Bangladesh news agency reported. Police officials declined to comment on the injuries.

The violence came on the second day of a crippling three-day nationwide transportation blockade, imposed by a 19-party alliance led by former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The alliance has claimed that the voters' list for the Jan. 22 election has flaws including fake names. The group wants the poll delayed until a problem-free list is available.

In an effort to force its demands, the alliance said it planned to keep blocking roads, railways and river routes Tuesday to isolate Dhaka from the rest of the country.

But the country's interim leader, President Iajuddin Ahmed, has said he cannot change the constitutionally mandated voting date. The Election Commission agreed.

On Monday, protesters halted trains by sitting on railroad tracks in several places outside Dhaka, railway officials said on condition of anonymity.

In central Dhaka, about 5,000 protesters tried to overrun barbedwire barricades manned by police, triggering clashes that left several people injured.

In the congested old part of the city, police used rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwing protesters who detonated homemade bombs, Channel-I television reported.

Streets were empty Monday apart from a few buses, taxis and rickshaws that had defied the blockade. Schools and businesses were closed. FARID HOSSAIN (AP)



TOWER TROUBLE: The Tower of London, one of Britain's top tourist attractions, will be added to the list of endangered world heritage sites unless the threat from encroaching skyscrapers is resolved, the $\mbox{U.N.}\mbox{'s}$ cultural body said Monday. Planners had not done enough to ensure that views of and from the fortress would not be obstructed, the panel says. (AP)

Local

Car Has Derailing History

Design of 20 percent of Metro fleet involved in 4 incidents since '03

WASHINGTON | The Metro subway car that jumped off the rails on Sunday, injuring 20 people, was the same type involved in four previous Metro derailments since 2003.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Monday it planned to look at records of the previous derailments, which did not involve passengers, for clues to what may have happened in the latest accident.

The cars, made by a Spanish company and introduced in August 2001, account for about 20 percent of the system's 950-car fleet.

On Monday, federal investigators continued examining the track at the site of the derailment and brought in a track expert from Chicago to assist them, NTSB member Kitty Higgins said. They also began examining the train more closely and downloaded information from its data record-



A Metro rider climbs an escalator Monday after exiting a train in the Mount Vernon Square station in Washington, where a train derailment Sunday injured 20 riders.

ers, she said.

The derailed car was still in the tunnel and will likely be taken out by Tuesday so investigators can get a better look at it, Higgins said.

The train operator, who was taken by Metro for routine drug and alcohol testing after the accident, will be interviewed by investigators Tuesday, Higgins said.

The six-car train was pulling into the Mount Vernon Square station, beneath the Washington Convention Center, on Sunday afternoon, when the fifth car slipped off the track. SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Leggett Begins Naming Appointees

Leaders for county development, finances and recreation picked

WASHINGTON | Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett picked Monday a former state economist to lead local efforts to attract businesses, a bilingual community advocate to head recreation programs and a budget-writing veteran as the face of the government's finances.

Leggett's three nominations begin to round out the top ranks of his new administration and, he said, reflect his "forward-thinking, responsive" approach to governing and commitment to diversity.

The nominations are the latest in a series that will shape Leggett's team, after he fired nearly half of the 40 political appointments of his predecessor, Douglas M. Duncan. Leggett's selections to lead county departments and agencies must be approved by the County Council.

Some of the high-profile positions Leggett is still working to fill include county attorney and the directors of the housing, health and human services, and environ-

ment departments.

To head the Department of Economic Development, Leggett tapped Pradeep Ganguly, an analyst who was the state's chief economist for nearly a decade. For recreation chief, Leggett turned to Gabriel Albornoz, deputy director of the Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers. And Leggett moved to elevate Jennifer Barrett, the county's chief operating officer, to head the Department of Finance she has been acting director of since Tim Firestine became Leggett's chief administrative officer.

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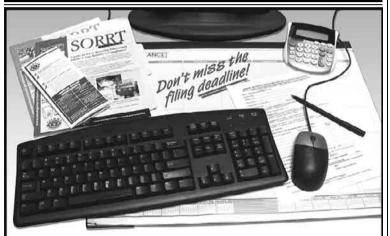
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- Medium businesses (100-249 employees), selected small businesses (less than 100 employees), and commercial property owners: MARCH 1st

These reports help the County track the success of your recycling program and plan for future recycling and waste reduction efforts. Failure to file your Annual Recycling Report can result in costly fines for your business or property.

Filing on-line is an easy and fast way to meet your deadlines. For instructions go to: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.









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Money

Motorola Seeks Its Calling

Company unveils plan for new Motorizer phone at gadget show

LAS VEGAS | Motorola Inc. chief executive Ed Zander rode onto the stage Monday at the International Consumer Electronics Show astride a yellow bicycle, joking that he pedaled all the way from Chicago because his company was on "expense controls."

It was not the first poke Zander would make about the wireless equipment maker's ailing fortunes, even as he opened this year's major technology show by introducing several new products and services that Motorola hopes will boost sales.

The company recently warned of disappointing sales and earnings from the key holiday selling season, causing investors to dump their Motorola stock and industry experts to use phrases like "tired



Motorola CEO Ed Zander displays a 20year-old handset during his speech.

product" to describe the blockbuster Razr line of cell phones.

Zander referenced analyst concerns by announcing the company's latest phone, then lugging a 20-year old mobile handset the size of a brick to his ear. "The analysts who are here today will like this because there are a lot of gross margin dollars in this puppy," Zander said, commenting that the phones once sold for \$4,000 each. "If I could get some of you to buy some, it would sure help."

Zander then introduced a real new phone model, the Motorizer, that would use Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Media software to transfer music purchased from more than 200 Web-based stores worldwide to the handset. The phone will become available the first half of this year, the company said.

Zander also demonstrated a wireless stereo headset that will play music streamed from the phone using Bluetooth. Controls on the headset can also pause songs to take or make calls. (AP)

Tech toys: Read all the latest news from the CES on the Post I.T. blog | washingtonpost.com/technology

Caremark Rejects Rival's Buyout Bid

NASHVILLE, TENN. | Caremark Rx Inc. rejected a buyout offer by a rival pharmacy benefits manager Monday and pledged to continue to pursue drugstore operator CVS Corp.'s bid to acquire Caremark.

Express Scripts Inc. responded

by launching an effort to reshape the Caremark board of directors in order to salvage its \$26 billion stock and cash offer.

The CVS deal, valued at \$21 billion in stock, has passed antitrust scrutiny by the Federal Trade Com-

mission and is expected to go to a shareholder vote.

A statement from CVS said the Express Scripts offer is "highly conditional" and would reduce the number of major competitors in managed pharmacy care from three to two — an issue that CVS says could prevent regulatory approval. (AP)

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VAN HAGAR, TOO? Van Halen was chosen to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, R.E.M., the Ronettes and Patti Smith. The artists will be inducted at a March 12 ceremony in New York. (AP)



Entertainment



ROMAN CANDLE: Lindsay Duncan throws sparks as Servilia, former lover of Caesar — and mother of Brutus, his assassin.

Aristocratic Evil

On HBO's hit 'Rome,' Lindsay Duncan plays a woman of power

FIRST LADY | Lindsay Duncan, one of the stars of HBO's "Rome," can't quite decide whether it's funny or sad to look back to her first TV role, which also was set in the Eternal City.

In 1975, she played a bit of eye candy, a girl called Scrubba, in a campy farce about Roman revelry called "Further Up Pompeii!"

"When I say, 'I had no idea what I was doing,' I had NO idea. I didn't even know how television was made, and it was live, so it was a kind of nightmare, though perhaps a very funny nightmare," Duncan recalls. "When I went to the audition, I was asked to show my legs, which I did, God help me — not that I've got anything to be ashamed of."

She certainly hasn't.

Now a mature beauty and a major star of the London and Broadway stage, the 56-year-old actress is the manipulative Servilia of the Junii, lover of Caesar and mother of one of his assassins, Brutus, in the epic series about the tempestuous struggle for power in early Rome.

"To play such an aristocratic woman, you need someone who can carry that off with great aplomb," says Bruno Heller, co-creator of "Rome." "Someone who can bring genuine gravitas and dignity."

"There's always a kind of undertone of humor," he adds, "and such intelligence there that you believe that this is a woman, who, though she is not running the Republic, is manipulating the politics in such a way that she is the first lady of Rome."

"Rome" returns Sunday at 9 p.m. for its final 10 episodes.

Caesar is dead and Gaius Octavian, son of Servilia's rival, Atia of Julii, is worming his way to power, so Servilia's fate is in the balance.

"She has a bumpy ride, poor woman," says Duncan, exhibiting more sympathy for Servilia than the Roman matron ever earned in real life.

Because of the decision to end "Rome" after just two seasons, Servilia's fascinating storyline is one of several in the intricate drama that had to be speeded up to what Heller calls "the money shot" — the death of Anthony and Cleopatra.

Duncan regrets that, but delights in the whole experience of the ambitious and lavish undertaking, which employed a stellar cast of actors and a wealth of craftspeople, experts in set, prop and costume design.

The Scottish-born Duncan said she's praying to "whatever deity I can summon" that she'll have another chance to work on "a show of this scale again." That's not to say she doesn't keep busy. On Feb. 17 at 8 p.m., she plays a very different woman, Lady Elizabeth Longford, in HBO's reality-based drama "Longford."

"Longford" explores the strange case of Lord Longford, a flamboyant, liberal British politician whose deep religious faith and long devotion to prisoner rehabilitation drew him into advocating for the rights of a notorious murderer, Myra Hindley. BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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MELI'SA MORGAN



R&B singer Meli'sa Morgan hit the charts in 1985 with her cover of Prince's "Do Me, Baby" and continued to score

hits through the decade. Back after a lengthy hiatus, Morgan still uses her golden voice for explicit tales of intimacy and for praising Jesus.

→ Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 p.m. & 10 p.m., \$18; 202-337-4141.



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WERNER KOHN

What Is Love?

German photographer Werner Kohn's years of dedicated club-hopping — from 1959 to the present — bore more fruit than, say, the exploits of those "Night at the Roxbury" guys. Kohn has snapped photos of legends like John Coltrane, Duke Ellington and Tina Turner and more than 100 of his images are on display at the Parish Gallery through Jan. 15.

→ Parish Gallery, 1054 31st St. NW; 202-944-2310. (Foggy Bottom)

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'3' CD Isn't the Magic Number

ActionReaction offers an eclectic but too erratic debut album

MUSIC | Some bands transcend the sum of their influences to sound like themselves. ActionReaction is not one of those bands.

An offshoot of defunct emo pioneer Further Seems Forever, New Jersey's ActionReaction seems reluctant to pick a direction on its full-length debut. There's nothing wrong with delving into a mishmash of styles, but the bits of funk, twang and dance-rock scattered through "3 Is the Magic Number" come off more as erratic than eclectic.

Every hooky nugget like "At the Moon," with its insistent backbeat and pulsing guitars, is offset by shapeless stabs at someone else's sound: There's an attempt at



ActionReaction has a pioneering emo pedigree but scattered musical tastes.

the soaring Brit-rock ambition of Doves on "March On," and more than a passing resemblance to the heavy-groove alt-pop sound of Porno for Pyros on "Can You Hear the Sun?" Even the derivative stuff would be OK, if only it were catchier. The musical hooks come and go; it makes for an inconsistent trip through an album that never really feels settled.

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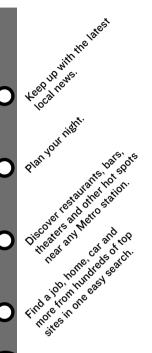
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THIS WEEK IN

SHAKESPEARE

Making the Scene



hrough Feb. 28, the Phillips Collection does its part to help the Bard inundate the District with "Shakespeare

on Canvas." The small show features American master Albert Pinkham Ryder's haunting paintings "Macbeth and the Witches" and "Desdemona," as well as "As You Like It," by the 19th-century French painter Adolphe Monticelli. On Feb. 1, an evening gallery talk will explore these works via the writings of gallery founder Duncan Phillips. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; Tues.-Fri., phillipscollection.org. (Dupont Circle)

ALSO: OTHELLO FILM FESTIVAL, National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; through Jan. 11; nga.gov. (Smithsonian)

→ AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE pres-

ents Lar Lubovitch's "Othello." Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Jan. 11-14; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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HI, MOM!: Micke Svanberg, second from right, of the Swedish quartet Dark Funeral finds more to fear in organized religion than in his band's black-metal scenarios.

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Nothing's Shocking

Black-metal band Dark Funeral is less scary than it sounds

THEY'RE SO HEAVY | On the phone from Sweden, Micke Svanberg didn't sound like the Satan-worshipping guitarist Lord Ahriman of the black-metal band Dark Funeral. The 34-year-old sounded like a well-adjusted father of two who happens to go onstage sporting corpse paint and spiked-leather outfits while fronting a highly theatrical, primal heavy metal band.

"I can understand that there are a lot of people who are afraid of what Dark Funeral stands for and how we present ourselves onstage," Svanberg said, the faint sounds of a guitar solo racing in the background. "But I'm pretty sure if people would meet us, they would get another picture.

"Strictly religious people claim every black-metal band is sacrificing babies and drinking blood for breakfast and all this kind of crazy Hollywood [stuff]," he said. "But it's just in their own books, it's their own fairy tales that they're scared of. If you take organized religions, I think they scare more people than a band in the black-metal scene, with all their threats and abuse of power."

Dark Funeral's last CD, 2005's "Attera Totus Sanctus," continues the group's assault on organized religion, and the music is as fast and buzzing as ever. It sounds like Beelzebub fronting a chorus of chain saws and jackhammers.

The group kicks off its monthlong North American tour at Jaxx tonight, co-headlining with Norwegian black-metal legends Enslaved. It's a perfect circle: Dark Funeral's first show was opening for Enslaved in 1994, and Svanberg said, "It was either us or Enslaved who were the first Scandinavian black-metal band to play the United States."

While black metal is strictly an underground sensation in the U.S., in Nordic countries, Svanberg said, its just part of the music pantheon. "Lots of middle-age, normal, family fathers in gray suits come to the show." CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

→ Jaxx, 355 Rolling Road, Spring field; with Enslaved, Abigail Williams, Inverted Trifixion, the Green Evening Requiem, 6:30 p.m., \$30; 703-569-5940. **FINAL CROC:** "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin's final program is complete, but the show about the sea's deadliest creatures will not include footage from the day he was killed by a stingray. "Ocean's Deadliest" will be shown on the Discovery Channel on Jan. 21. (AP)



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

CHICKENS, HOME, ROOST, ETC. On a can't-miss **HOUSE** (9 p.m., Fox), Dr. Gregory House makes a last-ditch effort to avoid jail time and a possible revocation of his medical license.

SPACE ELEVATOR, GOING UP

NOVA (8 p.m., PBS) presents "Nova ScienceNow," a fast-paced and engaging glance at interesting ideas and developments in science and technology, including new research into the "longevity gene"; the mind-bending idea of a space elevator; and, finally, a profile of Bonnie Bassler, a spirited Princeton professor who discovered how bacteria communicate.

GRIM RELICS UNDERCOVER HISTORY: HITLER'S BUNKER (10 p.m., National Geographic) looks



MED-HEAD: Dr. House, right, finds that forging prescriptions doesn't pay.

at the decades-long search for Hitler's remains. Only after the fall of the Soviet Union was it revealed that Joseph Stalin's government had kept a handful of his bones and teeth in secret hiding places for four decades. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Trash & Vaudeville

The third season of 'Boston Legal' gets real — and really silly

RETURN | "Boston Legal" (10 p.m., ABC) continues its act of juggling topicality and soap-opera fluff. Denny, Alan and Vanessa travel to New Orleans to defend a doctor against charges that she performed euthanasia on five patients in the grim aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Meanwhile, back in Boston, the shenanigans involve a cross-dresser's right to go to an all-female gym as a man and several discussions



Nia Long joins the "Boston" cast as ambitious attorney Vanessa Walker.

about the meaning of the term "friends with benefits."

One could fault "Boston" for mingling the tragic and the trivial, or of being so embarrassed by its issues that it overcompensates with the ridiculous. But least at the show and its creator, David E. Kelley, are still paying attention to the national disgrace of Katrina and its wake, even by using New Orleans as a backdrop for some of Denny and Alan's loopy man-to-man powwows.

"Boston" stands in favorable contrast to "Law & Order," the original ripped-from-the-headlines drama. The NBC juggernaut series seems to have deliberately set out to alienate its smart, faithful audience by indulging in tabloid trash. And it has succeeded all too well. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Sports



KEEP 'EM COMING: Gilbert Arenas has been chosen the NBA's player of the week for the third time in the last five weeks. The Wizards point guard averaged 33.3 points, 7.3 rebounds, 7.3 assists and 2.7 steals in three games last week. He also hit a 32-foot game-winner against the Bucks.

New Owners Pay \$33M for United

Group will turn focus to building a new stadium in Anacostia

UNITED | Former Duke co-captains Brian Davis and Christian Laettner wore black and red soccer scarves instead of basketball jerseys Monday as MLS unveiled a new, minorityled ownership group that is paying a league-record \$33 million for the operating rights to D.C. United.

Now comes the hard part finding a way to build the team a new stadium in the poorest section of the city.

Davis and Laettner joined a group called D.C. United Holdings, led by San Francisco businessmen Victor MacFarlane and Will Chang. MacFarlane and Davis are the first black owners in MLS, and Chang, who is also one of the owners of baseball's San Francisco Giants, is the first Chinese-American MLS owner.

"Soccer is the No. 1 sport for people of color all around the world, but not here in the U.S. - yet," MacFarlane said. "We want to be part of the change that is now on the horizon. We would love to help make soccer the sport that African-Americans and other children of color first look to for recreation and entertainment."

It has taken 2 ½ years to sell United's rights — a deal involving a local group, Global Development



Former Duke star Christian Laettner is part of a new United ownership group.

Partners, fell apart last year — and the new owners hope it will take less time to build a new stadium on the underdeveloped south bank of the Anacostia River.

The soccer stadium will cost \$150 million to \$200 million, and the goal is to complete it by the 2009 season on land now owned by the National Park Service.

But city and team officials said Monday they had yet to begin talks regarding who would eventually own the land, how the stadium would be financed, and how all involved would benefit from the expected development projects that would surround the stadium.

The sale is not expected to affect the day-to-day operations of a flagship franchise that has won a record four MLS titles. Kevin Pavne will remain the team's president. (AP)

is Tom Seaver, who was on 425 of

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Ruth is ninth with 95.13 percent,

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Ripken has of earning unanimous

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"As far as I'm concerned,

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Baseball commissioner Bud Selig

on whether McGwire's nomination

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Nolan Ryan ranks second with

in 1992.

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BASEBALL | BY MATT SWENSON

Ripken Also A Hero in D.C.

THERE WILL BE a large cry of joy up I-95 today when Orioles great Cal Ripken is elected, unanimously or not, to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Here, though, fans will also rejoice that the Iron Man is receiving the sport's highest honor.

You see, Ripken was baseball to D.C. baseball fans — including yours truly - in the 1980s and '90s, long before the Nats were a reality.

Enough accolades have been thrown Ripken's way that there's

Ripken made it easy for to cheer for Baltimore's team.

no need to explain how great a player he was and what he meant

On a smaller scale, however, Ripken made it easy for Washingtonians to cheer for Baltimore's

end play with any visit to Baltimore, thousands left D.C. each night to

While Ripken certainly deserved all the fans he had, Washington's unabashed love affair with the shortstop probably delayed baseball's

"Why do we need our own team when we've got Cal?" may not have been an official mantra here, but actions spoke loud enough for baseball's higher-ups to hear.

tle reason to pay attention to the Orioles, and now we have our own lowly Nats — just as it should be.

didn't ignore baseball.

Washingtonians

to the game.

team. Maybe even too easy. Knowing they could see a leg-

catch the Birds' game.

return to the nation's capital.

Without Ripken, there's been lit-

Tuesday's election will be the final chapter of that era when baseball ignored D.C. but D.C.

To reach Matt Swenson, e-mail matt.swenson@readexpress.com

Does Everyone Agree on Ripken?

First impression: MLS commissioner Don Garber was impressed with new United

majority owner Victor MacFarlane from Day I. | Today's Post, Sports

O's great could become first unanimous Hall of Fame inductee

ORIOLES | Cal Ripken is a virtual lock to gain first-ballot entry into the Hall of Fame when the results are announced Tuesday.

The real question is: Is the feeling unanimous? No player has received 100 percent of the vote. But no one has had a career quite like that of Cal Ripken, either.

"He's got a shot," Hall of Fame member Brooks Robinson said. "It's a long shot, but it's going to be interesting."

Since the Baseball Writers' Association of America began voting for Hall of Fame entrants by ushering in the inaugural class of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson and Honus Wagner in 1936, no player has received 100 percent of the vote.

Each year, more than 500 eligible BBWAA members receive a ballot filled with around two dozen possibilities. Only a few players actually receive votes.

The closest anyone has come to receiving 100 percent of the vote



Cal Ripken waves to the crowd at Camden Yards after breaking Lou Gehrig's record.

Ripken put up plenty of dazzling numbers during his sensational 21-year career — all with the Orioles. Here's a look at some of the highlights:

- → In probably his most famous act, the Iron Man played in 2,632 consecutive games, breaking Lou Gehrig's 56-year-old record of 2,130 straight on Sept. 6, 1995.
- → In 11,551 at-bats, Ripken compiled 3,184 hits (14th all-time) and 431 home runs. At 6-foot-4, he was a pioneer for big, power-hitting shortstops.
- → He was twice named MVP (1983 and 1991) and played in 19 All-Star games. His 16 straight All-Star starts is an MLB record.

(IN The Washington Post

leave Babe Ruth off their ballot in 1936, it's not difficult to imagine at least one person failing to check the box next to Ripken's name.

"History tells us that he's not going to be unanimous, because nobody's ever unanimous. Until somebody is, my gut feeling is it won't happen that way," said Peter Schmuck, a baseball writer for the Baltimore Sun and a former BBWAA chapter president.

"I know the criteria to be a Hall of Famer," Robinson said, "and Cal is every one of those things." (AP)

AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT: The Dolphins might be trying to lure USC coach Pete Carroll back to the NFL. Carroll, who had two disappointing stints as an NFL coach in the 1990s, is vacationing in Costa Rica, and a Dolphins-owned plane flew there Sunday, according to flight records.



Sports

Ravens Lucky to Have Options on O

Indianapolis will likely load up against the run to stop Jamal Lewis

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens won a franchise-record 13 games this season because their offense provided sufficient support to the league's top-rated defense.

They hope to implement that formula Saturday in their playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts.

After yielding at least 100 yards rushing in each of their 16 regular season games, the Colts stacked the line of scrimmage last weekend in an effort to stop Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson. The strategy worked perfectly: Johnson was limited to 32 yards on a season-low 13 carries, and the Colts advanced with a 23-8 victory.



Ravens running back Jamal Lewis rushed for 1,132 yards this season and averaged 22 carries over Baltimore's last four regular season games — all of them wins.

The Ravens expect the Colts to implement a similar ploy Saturday against running back Jamal Lewis, who ran for 1,132 yards this season and is the focal point of the Baltimore attack. Lewis averaged 22 carries over the Ravens' last four regular season games — all wins.

The Colts' success stopping Johnson won't deter the Ravens from attempting to pound Lewis into the line a couple dozen times, if for no other reason than to keep Colts quarterback Peyton Manning off the field. But if Indianapolis stops Lewis, the Ravens won't panic, thanks to QB Steve McNair and a renewed passing attack.

"It's good to be versatile, to be able to run the ball and throw the ball," receiver Mark Clayton said. "And when we throw the ball, we have options." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

North Carolina Takes the AP's No. 1 Ranking

COLLEGE HOOPS | North Carolina is No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for the first time in almost six years.

The Tar Heels (14-1) moved into the top spot Monday after three weeks at No. 2 following UCLA's loss at Oregon last weekend.

"I feel good where we are, but it's so, so early," coach Roy Williams said Monday. "We have 15 more battles to go in the conference, so we'll see what happens."

North Carolina received 64 first-place votes and easily outdistanced No. 2 Florida (14-2). Wisconsin (15-1) received one first-place vote and moved from fourth to third, the highest ranking in school history, while UCLA dropped from first to fourth. (AP)



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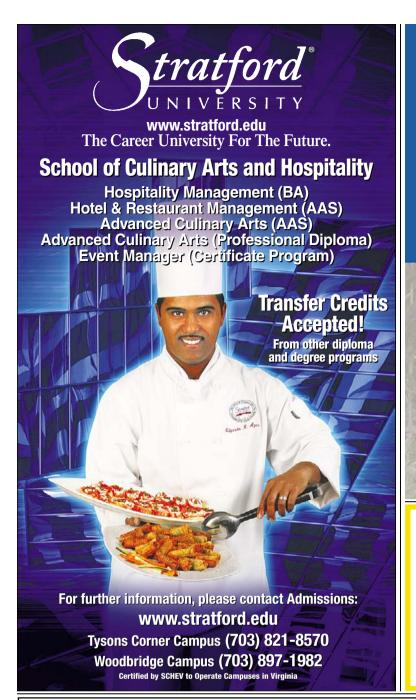
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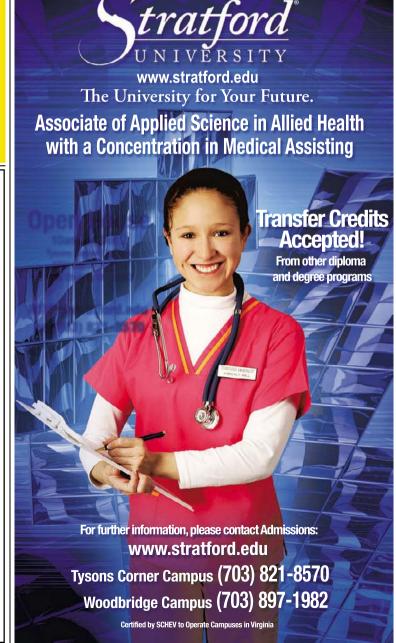
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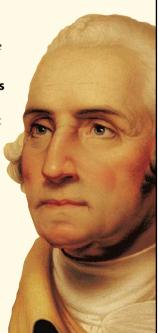
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SELECTIVE MEMORY: Apparently, FIFA wants to forget about Zinedine Zidane's head-butt in last summer's World Cup. There was no mention of the incident in the soccer body's official World Cup 2006 report. It's not even noted that Zidane was ejected from the last game of his career.

Giant Drama All Season

In New York, year was marred by criticism and off-field bickering

NFL | When Jeremy Shockey used a derogatory term to refer to New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin last August, it set the tone for a season that will be remembered more for off-field bickering than for onfield accomplishments.

Even through the first eight games, when the Giants were 6-2 and looked poised to fulfill the high expectations they'd placed on themselves, something wasn't quite right

An adversarial tone could be heard in the locker room, stoked by some veteran players considered the team's leaders.

The team seemed to lack chem-



Coughlin's players criticized him throughout this disappointing season.

istry. After a 23-20 loss to Philadelphia in the wild-card game on Sunday, the Giants will have a long offseason to ponder what went wrong.

"I thought we teetered on the brink all year long," kicker Jay Feely said while players emptied their lockers on Monday. "We're going through training camp and we have guys every day who look like they're trying to get the limelight on themselves, saying something controversial.

"You don't hear that kind of thing coming out of the Patriots," Feely continued. "You hear Tom Brady say, 'Our players need to listen to our coach more.' I think we needed a little more of that."

Most players, including Feely, defended Coughlin on Monday, fully aware that his job isn't secure following a second consecutive first-round playoff loss.

Former Terp Won't Serve Jail Time

TERPS FOOTBALL | Former University of Maryland basketball player Travis Garrison won't have to serve time in prison or register as a sex offender after a judge modified his sentence Monday.

Garrison, a forward who plays for the Great Falls Explorers in the Continental Basketball Association, pleaded guilty in June to seconddegree assault and fourth-degree sex assault for slapping and grabbing a woman at a College Park bar.

Following the plea, a Prince George's County District Court judge ordered Garrison to spend 10 days in prison and register as a sex offender. Garrison was unaware at the time he could face such a punishment and appealed the sentence, said Thomas Mooney, his current attorney. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Flyers are back in town to play the streaky Caps while they're on a hot streak.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7P.M. ON ESPNAND 7P.M. ON ESPN2) The first games of Tuesday's doubleheaders feature Arkansas at Florida and West Virginia at Notre Dame.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 5 Ohio State at No 3

Wisconsin is the game of the night, featuring Greg Oden against a tough conference opponent. LSU also travels to Alabama for another tough conference bout.

HOCKEY (9 P.M. ON VERSUS) In a game that's always an intense rivalry — at least in Michigan and Colorado — the Red Wings head west and play the Avalanche.





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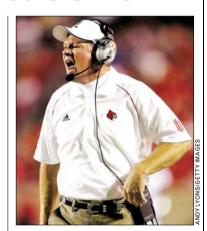
Owner hopes his new coach will motivate an underachieving group

NFL | Bobby Petrino will have an impact on Michael Vick and the Falcons. Just ask team owner Arthur Blank. Blank sees Petrino, who was hired away from Louisville, "as a difference-maker."

"Bobby knows how to motivate," Blank said Monday. "He knows how to teach. He knows how to get the best out of his athletes. ... He'll push Michael Vick to higher levels."

The Falcons, first in the league in rushing but last in passing, ranked 25th in scoring in their disappointing 7-9 season.

Petrino, 45, polished his reputation as a top offensive coach in four seasons as Louisville's head coach. His 41-9 record included a 12-1 mark and No. 5 national rank-



Former Louisville coach Bobby Petrino agreed to take over the Atlanta Falcons.

ing this season.

"I was certainly committed to the University of Louisville and staying there," Petrino said. "I did not go out and seek any other jobs and did not go make a phone call to any NFL teams, and then this came up." charles odum (AP)

Johnson Announces He Will Go Pro

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | For Calvin Johnson, this was a no-brainer.

Georgia Tech's star receiver announced Monday that he will give up his senior season to enter the NFL draft, fully aware that he should be one of the top players selected.

Even his parents, who are adamant that he get his college degree, knew there was no use putting off the pros any longer.

"It's one of those situations where he's got to maximize the moment," Calvin Johnson Sr. said. "These opportunities don't come along very



Calvin Johnson, left, sits with his dad while announcing his decision to go pro.

often. He made the right decision for himself. He didn't feel a lot of pressure from us." Paul Newberry (AP)

Russell to Decide By Wednesday

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | JaMarcus Russell will announce Wednesday whether he is entering the NFL draft.

LSU spokesman Michael Bonnette said Monday that university officials were helping Russell set up the announcement, but labeled as

"premature" recent reports that the quarterback had already decided to turn pro.

"I don't think he's made his mind up yet. People are jumping the gun," Bonnette said. "He still has a couple days to think things through and make the best decision for himself and his family."

ESPN.com reported Sunday that the 6-foot-6, 257-pound Russell was entering the draft. (AP)

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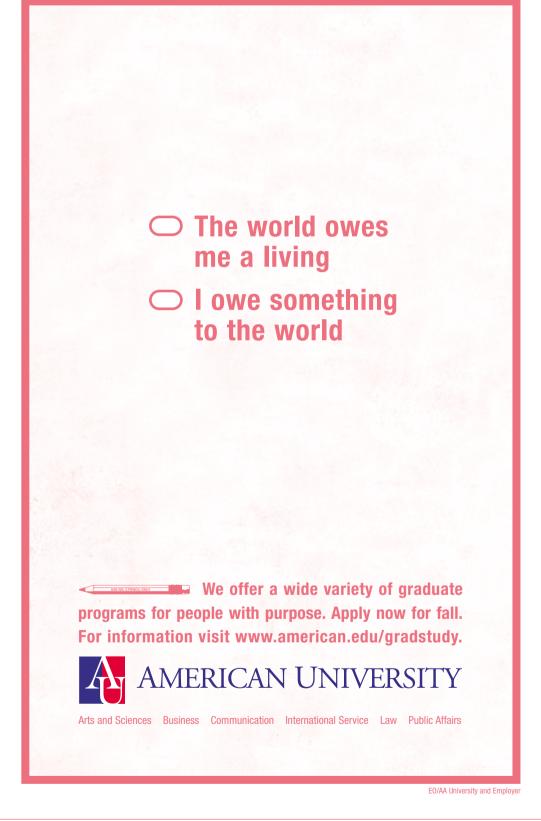
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GOLF | First came his induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame. A week later brought an end to his worst season in five years on the U.S. PGA Tour, and what appeared to be the beginning of the end to Vijay Singh.

"I think he was out to prove that wasn't the case," Davis Love III said.

The proof was in Singh's twoshot victory in the season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship in Maui on Sunday, a command performance in which Singh didn't make a bogey over the final 29 holes and never let anyone closer than two shots to him over the final 25 holes.

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Vijay Singh, 43, starts the season off right with a dominating win in Hawaii.

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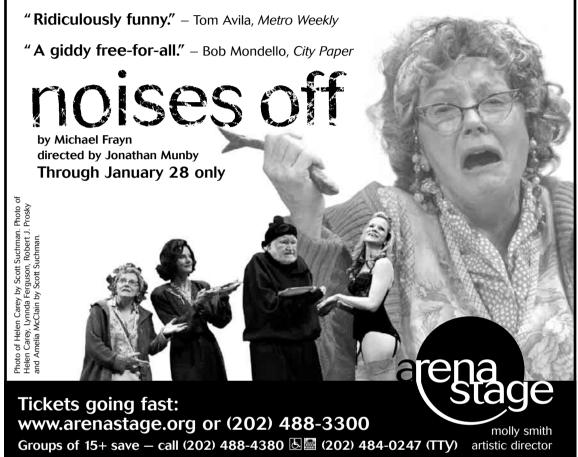
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In the past, the mentality wasn't investigation — it was just recovery."

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water and helped establish the program with a \$300,000 Homeland Security grant.

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"In the past, the mentality wasn't investigation — it was just recovery," he said.

And underwater investigation skills are especially important in Florida, where millions live near water, said Florida Department of Law Enforcement spokeswoman Kristen Perezluha.

Most of the students are either science or criminology majors,

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CLUE CREW: Student Tiffany Ashcom, left, uses a metal detector to find a murder weapon as part of a Florida State program.

CSI: Underwater

but others, such as recent graduate Melissa Adams, have no background in forensics or law enforcement. Adams, who works as an investigative diver for the Washington County Sheriff's Office, was an English major and aspiring crime novelist with no diving experience before Kelley talked her into taking an introductory class.

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see this development as negative, and it can ruin the game for someone."

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into the gaming landscape, many game developers now accept product placements for milk, DVDs and other wares, embedding them deep in the game's software codes. You'd need the type of secret tips and tricks long circulated for unlocking special powers and other bonuses.

Veterans of the \$7 billion U.S. video game market defend the corporate co-option of the techniques once solely the realm of techies: If Hollywood has been employing product placement and other unconventional marketing tricks for years, why not the game industry?

The standard advertisements aren't waning. But gaming executives say the newer, unusual pitches



"Rainbow Six Vegas" is a game featuring ads in places that are hard for players to reach.

are more effective: They can be funny and tap into many gamers' desire to explore the darkest nooks and crannies of a game and discover tricks they can boast about to friends.

"Purist gamers see this develop-

ment as negative, and it can ruin the game for someone," said Peer Schneider, vice president of content publishing at IGN Entertainment. "But our kids don't see it as negative. They see it as an unexpected thing in the game."

In many games, players who enter the top-secret "cheat code" could become invisible, get unlimited ammunition or play in an allpowerful God mode. Or they'd play for hours until discovering brightly decorated circles or balls - known as Easter eggs — that unlock bonus points, monster-slaving swords, extra lives or infinite health.

Although many gamers viewed the Ubisoft-Axe promotion as quirky and unobtrusive, they criticized Redwood City, Calif.-based Electronic Arts Inc. in October, when the world's largest video game publisher began to sell downloadable tricks for the Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2007.

Gamers could redeem points worth \$3.75 to buy a software "addon" that unlocks pro shop gear to drive the ball farther. Another \$3 gets Woods' lucky red shirt.

Offended gamers wrote scathing online entries about EA. Other companies that try to sell add-ons would likely encounter similar hostility, said Greg Off, founder of Off Base Productions, a San Franciscobased consulting company specializing in video game advertising and marketing.

"They're seen as looking for yet another revenue stream," Off said. "Did they push it too far? Possibly." RACHEL KONRAD (AP)

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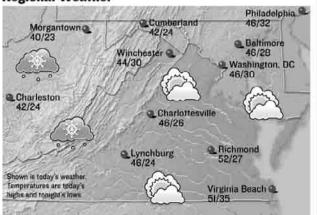


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Styles





Timeless

Embodying classic elegance

In an age when the word is grossly overused, they remain, incontrovertibly, icons: high fashion at the dawn of the television era, with charmed lives and striking beauty.

Celebrities fuel fashion — that comes as no surprise. But the women with the most influence over today's tastemakers aren't the ones on the covers of all those celebrity magazines.

Instead, it's Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis who continue to set the standard. Their names are shorthand for the looks that are at the root of modern style.

The patrician style of Main Line Philadelphia is defined by Grace. One of the world's most coveted handbags — the Hermes Kelly bag — is named after her, a

symbol of understated, ladylike luxury. When Jackie was a Kennedy, she popularized the pillbox hat and skirt suits. When she was an Onassis, it was the glamorous oversized dark sunglasses worn with yacht-appropriate attire. The pearls and black dress that so many women use as their cocktail party uniform, that's all Audrey.

"They are the triumvirate."designer Michael Kors declared. "All three of these women were

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly still sum up style for millions of modern women.

about clean, sharp lines so you notice the woman first. And they're very archetypal types."

Since the troika's heyday, women have adopted a more casual approach to fashion. But the trio's sophistication, style, and influence have endured.

"People think highly of them," said designer Tommy Hilfiger. "People look up to them and people think of them as glamorous. The glam factor is important - it still makes them exciting after all those years."

They also represented much more socially acceptable "ideal women" than blond bombshells Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield, who were at their peak just a few years earlier.

"In the '50s, the blond bombshell was a look that women either couldn't relate to or could only dream about," said Holly Alford, an assistant professor in Virginia Commonwealth University's fashion design and merchandising department, "Jackie, Audrey and Grace - they were the women you were supposed to want to be like." SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Beauty



The End. It Cometh

When Britney cleans up, she really cleans up. The hot mama's new fragrance, MIDNIGHT FANTASY BRITNEY SPEARS (\$45, Sephora), is a spicy, sparkly, sweet scent that comes in a drop-dead stylish bottle. It smells like a really good girly drink — fruity, but with enough of a kick to assure you that you're not drinking apple juice. The fragrance is also adultappropriate; in fact, we've passed all of Britney's other fragrances to teenage acquaintances. This bottle is staying with our 30-year-old self. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Kids



Kids Like to Look Good

Dressing your kid in cool clothes makes you look hip. Now, with the launch of ALTERNATIVE KIDS (altern ativeapparel.com), finding said clothes is a lot easier. Sizes range from 3-6 months to 4T and include onesies, thermals, T-shirts and other adorableness in clothing form. We love the argyle top (\$24), and find the kid modeling it so cute we might have to eat him. Right now, they're only accepting pre-orders, with delivery in mid-February, but you'll want to order before all the hipsters clear the shelves, K.P.K.

LOOK Online



from readexpress.com

Speed Cameras Irk Some

COMMENTS | A majority of those who responded to Monday's Poll Center question, "Are radar-activated speed cameras fair to drivers?," came down against the devices, saying they're too intrusive and can be dangerous when they cause drivers to suddenly come to a stop.

Commenter Paul took his opposition down a different path: "There should be no speed cameras. The majority of vehicles have more than one driver. If speed/red light cameras are allowed, the alleged offender should just be able to write a statement saying they were not the driver and the ticket is not theirs, period."

Not everyone was a critic, though. Commenter Lowspark

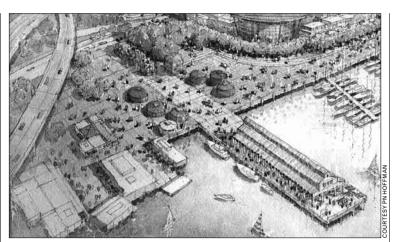
said, "When you drive your business becomes everyone else's business. If such cameras seem [intrusive], consider those burdens imposed on us by bad drivers. The results of their behavior range from annoying, at best, to tragic. ... I support the cameras. I only wish they could do more about other types of bad driving."

Commenter AUA sees the cameras' utility. "As much as I hate getting tickets by mail, if there are speed cameras on every block, you're going to drive at or below the established maximum safe speed limit."

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

Exploring the Future

ANACOSTIA RIVER | The Anacostia Waterfront Corp., the public-



The Southwest Waterfront is one of the Anacostia Waterfront Corp.'s projects.

private organization charged with the redevelopment of the riverfront and neighborhoods adjacent to the Anacostia River and the Southwest Waterfront, has unveiled a new Web site at anacostiawaterfront.net, with a clickable map detailing all of the projects it is overseeing. It includes a swath of land from the South Capitol Street ballpark district in Near Southeast (and a new ferry pier at the foot of First Street Southeast) to Marvin Gaye Park in Northeast. M.G.

→ Coming Up Today

Worried about nuclear weapons? Experts say the kinds of bombs terrorists would wield are less dangerous than Soviet bombs the U.S. feared during the Cold War.

Poll Center

TODAY'S OUESTION

Do you feel safe on Metro after Sunday's derailment?

1. Yes 2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Are radar-activated speed cameras fair to drivers?

NO YES

As of 6 p.m. Monday. Not a scientific poll

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"If Time wants to be accurate, it should stick to what Washington could better be described as — a tidal marsh."

DCIST.COM THINKS TIME.COM'S DECISION TO NAME ITS NEW POLITICS BLOG "SWAMPLAND" PERPETUATES THE MYTH THAT D.C. WAS BUILT ON A SWAMP, WHEN ONLY PARTS WERE RECLAIMED.

Raising the Bar

"Now Fenty wants to raise the smoking ban hardship from a 5 percent drop in business to 15 percent. Can you imagine any other scenario where small business would be expected to tolerate a 14 percent drop in business because of the arbitrary lawmaking of some nanny-state busybodies?"

ROCKCREEKRAMBLER.COM ON D.C. MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY'S INTENTIONS TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR D.C. BUSINESSES TO GET SMOKING BAN EXEMPTIONS.

Buyer Beware

"Items bought at crackhead prices rarely come with warranties or money-back guarantees."

LISTENTOLEON.BLOGSPOT.COM BOUGHT A COMPUTER AT LOW "CRACKHEAD PRICES," AND NOW IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH IT.



Lohan Rejects K-Fed

"In fact, I think just being in the same area code with him means you're at risk. Sure, it might be 'appendicitis,' but it's more likely the delayed reaction of realizing that K-Fed was trying to pick you up. That'll make anyone crazy. Even Lindsay Lohan."

EGOTASTIC.COM THINKS KEVIN FEDERLINE'S TEXT MESSAGE ASKING LOHAN TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM LAST MONTH HAD SOME-THING TO DO WITH HER RECENT SURGERY.



"I think it's about time that we invade New Jersey and get rid of the al-Qaeda. infidels."

A CURBED.COM COMMENTER BLAMES THE ODOR IN NEW YORK CITY ON MONDAY ON ACROSS-THE-RIVER NEIGHBOR NEW JERSEY AND CALLS FOR ACTION AGAINST THE GARDEN STATE.

Live Online

Black Holes

Washington Post science writer

MARC KAUFMAN, who covers space
and NASA, was online to discuss his
article about scientific research about
black holes in the universe.

I've often wondered what happens to a black hole after it consumes all the material in the galaxy where it lives. I realize this would take millions of years to occur. Would the black hole still exist in darkness, searching for new stuff to devour, or would the black hole no longer have a gravity/energy source and release all its material into space?

The answer, I believe, is that nobody really knows. Some theorize that the gravity/energy of a black hole can burn out; others say that if a black hole resolves down to a "singularity" with near infinite mass and no volume, then it would never disappear. Whether instruments will ever be developed to answer this question, however, is unclear.

It seems the bigger a black hole

becomes, the stronger it becomes. So why doesn't the whole universe just get sucked up by them?

The universe is characterized by gravitational pulls and forces of all kinds and they act as counterbalance to the pull of the black holes. The line where the forces meet is called the event horizon, and that is where the dynamics get played out.

Although I believe the search for knowledge is generally a noble pursuit, is there anything we can learn from their study that you can envision as being immediately useful or practical for mankind?

NASA often struggles to connect its work to technological advances that are of use, and there have, indeed, been some successes — such as GPS, satellite-based communications and the like. There is also a national security aspect to NASA research; work on close-in asteroids could, someday, tell us that a dangerous object is headed our way early enough that we might do something about it. But when it comes to black holes and cosmology, I think the value is not going to be practical but, as you say, in the search for knowledge.

BUY A SIX-PACK. You'll have five extra if you're competing in the 365-Beer contest (mistergone.com/365-Beer), the goal of which is to drink one different beer each day of the year without any duplications. Sign up to track your progress.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Express writer Vicky Hallett and personal trainer Lennie Magida discuss health and fitness at II:30 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

LOOK

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



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"You do look better. But I still think you've lost too much weight."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan







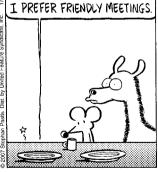


Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis









The Duplex | Glenn McCoy









Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan.19) Cooperation pays off handsomely, but you must remain in control if you're not to have your own primary intentions overlooked

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't listen to those who suggest that what you don't know can't hurt you. On the contrary, you may be bitten by an unknown statistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't be afraid of that which is outside the realm of your own past experience. Embrace what comes to you — especially if it is new.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Bargains abound, but you must take care you're not simply spending without taking anything in. Economic balance is the key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The moment you get your chance to air your views,

you get your chance to air your views, you're going to want to do just that — before as large an audience as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care

you're not doing the right things in the wrong ways. Style and substance must go hand in hand at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's essential you get to the bottom of things before the day is out. Solve a problem now, and others will trust you can do it again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your proposals aren't likely to sit well with those who might be ousted if you are able to do what you have planned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You must be ready to compromise. The more you insist on having things your way, the more you're likely to slip from popularity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) As the clock ticks, you will be planning something that should take everyone around you by surprise — if it actually comes to fruition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A chance encounter is likely to turn the tide for you and those on your own private team. Something big is in the making.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone you know may be resistant to a few of the things you're planning to get done. He or she can be made a supporter in time, however.



"The Phantom of the Opera" passed "Cats" as Broadway's longest-running show.

Today in History

1788 Connecticut becomes the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1913 Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th U.S. president, is born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

1968 The Surveyor 7 space probe makes a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of America's series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

1972 Reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking on the phone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, denounces a biography on him by Clifford Irving as fake.

1987 TheWhiteHousereleases a memorandum prepared in 1986 for President Reagan showing a definite link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

2006 "The Phantom of the Opera" leaps past "Cats" to become the longest-running show in Broadway history.

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LOOK People



Even in the womb, his child wished Dad's expressions weren't so broad.

IT'S OVER

The Hot 'Serenity' Chick Will Never Marry You Now

LAURENCE FISHBURNE and his wife, GINA TORRES, are expecting their first child, the actor's spokesman, Alan Nierob, said Monday. Nierob gave no other details. Fishburne, who has two children from a previous marriage, and Torres were married in 2002. (AP)

RESCUE

Angelina Offers to Adopt Madonna's Children

ANGELINA JOLIE issued a statement Monday saying Gala, a French magazine, had misrepresented some of



her statements about Madonna's adoption of a Malawian child, E! Online reported. "Madonna knew the situ-

ation in Malawi, where he was born," Jolie was quoted as saying. "Personally, I prefer to stay on the right side of the law. I would never take a child away from a place where adoption is illegal." (AP)



SQUABBLING

Oh, Get a Room

ROSIE O'DONNELL says Donald Trump is obsessed with her. "It's the way I look. ... I love when people say you're fat like you don't know," O'Donnell said Monday on "The View." "It's always the first comment of someone who disagrees with you if you happen to be on the plus side." "The word 'fat' played a very small role, if any, in my description of her," Trump said. (AP)

ALMOST FAMOUS

Hey, It's Laura Linney! No, It's Hope Davis! Wait, It's —

PATRICIA CLARKSON will be the 2007 celebrity monarch for the Krewe of Orpheus, the parade group organized by Harry Connick Jr. Past monarchs include Whoopi Goldberg, Stevie Wonder, Dan Aykroyd, Little

Richard and James Brown. "As our city rebuilds ... itself, it could not be



more fitting that Patricia Clarkson be honored by the Kreweof Orpheus and our city," said the krewe's captain. (AP)

HA, HA

The Big Party You Were Not Invited to Was Fun

A weekend birthday party hosted by SEAN "DIDDY" **COMBS** and featuring Δ performances by Busta Rhymes, Lil' Wavne, T.I. and The Game for Gilbert Arenas was better suited for Hollywood than the nation's capital. The festivities at Love nightclub started at 9 p.m. Friday and got rolling after midnight when Arenas, who turned 25 Saturday, strolled past an ice carving of himself playing basketball. Earlier in the evening, Arenas had 35 points,

a season-high 12 assists and seven rebounds to lead the Washington Wizards to a 116-105 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. "This just shows you how much love Gilbert has and we have as a team," Wizards guard Jarvis Hayes said. "I've seen a party like this—

never seen a party like this — nowhere close." (AP)

TAKE-HOME MESSAGE If You Kill Enough Trees, Christina Will Sing to You

The billionaire owner of 84 Lumber could have only one 84th birthday party, so Joe Hardy's children made it memorable. CHRISTINA AGUILERA sang "Happy Birthday" to Hardy, who turned 84 Sunday, and Bette Midler performed with an orchestra. Robin Williams was the afterdinner performer. "When they told me I was going to Semicolon, naturally I said, 'Why? Am I being punished?" Midler quipped, referring to Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, Hardy's posh resort and spa in southwestern Pennsylvania. The celebration ran from 2 p.m. Saturday until 2 a.m. Sunday, so the 500 guests — including Gov. Ed Rendell — could ring in Hardy's birthday as the clock struck midnight. (AP)



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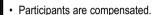
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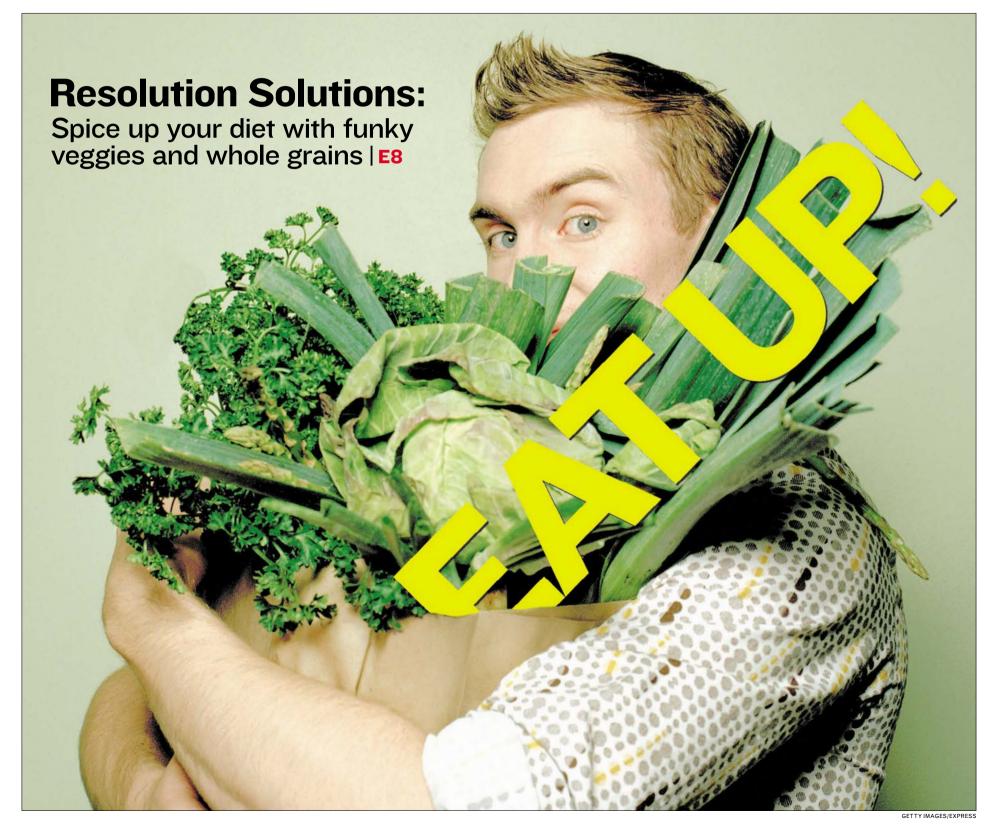
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GOT ISSUES? DR. ANDREA BONIOR WILL HELP YOU SORT THEM OUT



I'm 22 and have lived in D.C. for two years, and I have no friends. I've tried meeting people online, though school, through family, even greeting them randomly on the Metro. I'm confused because nothing seems to work. I feel like I am people-repellent. —ANONYMOUS

This is much more common than you'd think. I truly believe that making friends can be harder than dating, which at least has something of a protocol (and prettier hair!). You may be focusing so hard on trying to move a person into the box checked "friend" that you don't enjoy the inthe-moment interaction. Like a date who won't make good dinner conversation because he or she is too



consumed with whether there'll be a second date (or a breakfast, or a wedding!), it might be that your good qualities are being outshined by the nervous urgency of

"Will we end up friends?"

Try to lessen the pressure. Focus more on activities you enjoy, whether artistic, athletic, civic, spiritual or even a part-time job or volunteer work. Ideally, it'll become a two-forone, as you'll be relaxed and happy enough to finally connect with some like-minded people.

I put on weight when my mother died six years ago and recently realized
I've spent more of my adult life overweight than not (I'm 28). I can't seem to stop overeating for emotional reasons. I've always believed it's a question of willpower, but now I'm looking for deeper answers. Could I have some really severe problems? —NOT THIN IN VIRGINIA

If emotional overeating signified "really severe" problems, then your average American is as screwed up as a driving school run by Nicole Richie.

But you're astute to realize this isn't about willpower, resolutions or the number of fat grams in a macaroon. Occasionally eating for emotional reasons is human and nothing to sound the alarm about. Consistently eating to fill an emotional void, however — and developing such a struggle with body image and weight that food becomes the enemy — is quite an unhappy way to live. For you to connect the rise of your overeating habits with your mother's death is an important first step. A therapist can help you uncover exactly how food came to pack such an emotional wallup.

In the meantime, getting adequate sleep and fluids can make you less vulnerable to binging, and coming up with a list of distractions and simple coping mechanisms to avoid eating when bored or distraught can help you through the tough moments. Skipping meals is a no-no — it'll only drag down your mood and metabolism. The real progress, though, will be made when you find a way to break the grip food has on your identity.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D., at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.





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Court Cool With These Kicks

IF A SNEAKER IS good enough for the San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (soon to be Mr. Eva Longoria), the Nike Air Force 25 will probably do for your pick-up games, too. The \$175 footwear, which went on sale for non-NBA stars the day after Christmas, commemorates the 25th anniversary of Nike's performance basketball shoe. And not only does it look devastatingly cool, but it's also packed with all kinds of new technologies that will at least make you more comfortable, even if they don't up your game.

Your Daily Bread

WHEN YOU GRAB your usual loaf of wheat bread from the grocery store, you're probably proud of yourself for eating whole grains. So you may be shocked to know that most wheat bread isn't 100 percent whole grain—it basically has the same nutritional content as a white loaf. But Sara Lee Soft & Smooth 100 % Whole Wheat (\$2.50) offers the real deal. Although the slices have a slightly more aggressive texture and flavor than Wonder Bread, when slathered in peanut butter or surrounding luncheon meats, you won't notice the difference. But your body will.

Work Out to Win the Game

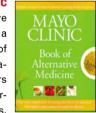
'CALORIES BURNED' can only hold your attention for so long. But on the ProForm 20.0 CrossTrainer Elliptical (\$800, Sports Authority), two integrated video games will make you never want to tear your eyes away from the screen. The harder you exercise, the easier the games are. And while "Fat Blocker" and "Calorie Destroyer" aren't quite "Grand Theft Auto," you'll appreciate their relative easiness when panting and working the controllers.



Light and Easy

THE "MAYO CLINIC
Book of Alternative
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Medicine" reduces a confusing morass of therapies into a metaphor kindergartners can intuitively understand: traffic lights.



Acupuncture for pain? Green light! Noni juice for high cholesterol? Yellow light! Kava for insomnia? Red light! The lengthy third section clearly outlines popular alternative treatments for common problems (insomnia, colds, depression). Still, definitive answers are few: There are lots of yellow lights.

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Feeling Blue? Just Chew

WE'VE BEEN DOWN THE "ENERGY

gum" road before. Last time, it was laced with caffeine. For that matter, good old sugar-packed gum will give you an energy boost if you chew a whole lot really fast. The latest gimmick: LifeFitness is offering Rapid Energy gum (in spearmint and cinnamon, \$2.50 for 12, CVS), the key ingredient of which is 300 percent of the RDA of vitamin B12.

Now, B12 is a good vitamin. It helps red blood cells grow and keeps the central nervous system happy. But it may not have the magical properties ascribed to it by folks who swear large amounts produce bursts of energy. Showbiz folks are among its biggest fans: Charlize Theron, Hugh Jackman and Prince all love their B12 shots, according to Variety. Maybe they would dig this gum, which tasted like Dentyne, lost flavor fairly quickly, and failed to provide lots of energy, even after chewing 12 pieces in quick succession. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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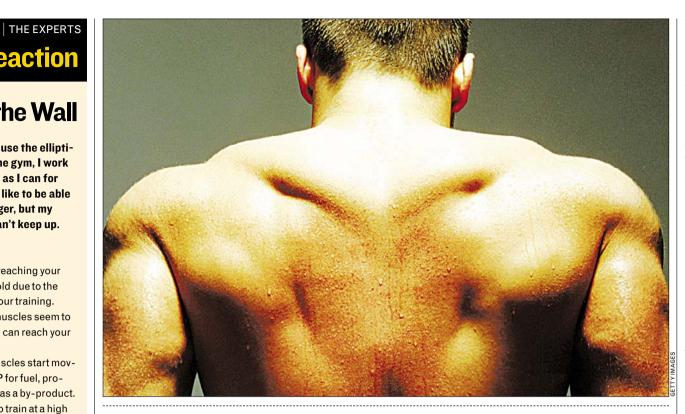
When I use the elliptical in the gym, I work as hard as I can for 20 minutes. I'd like to be able to exercise longer, but my muscles just can't keep up. Why is this?

You are probably reaching your anaerobic threshold due to the high intensity of your training.
This is why your muscles seem to give up before you can reach your desired time limit.

When your muscles start moving, they burn ATP for fuel, producing lactic acid as a by-product. As you continue to train at a high intensity, your body has a hard time keeping your efforts aerobic. Lactic acid builds up in the surrounding muscle tissue, because your body is still using carbohydrates stored as sugar for fuel. Glucose is the body's primary fuel source during any intense exercise lasting longer than 30 seconds.

To both sustain a longer duration on the elliptical and to burn fat for fuel, try intervals. Work superhard for five minutes, then cut your intensity in half for the next five minutes. Keep this up for at least 30 minutes. This workout pattern will give your body the chance to flush away the lactic acid more efficiently during the less intense phases of your workout, and help you avoid the dreaded anaerobic threshold!

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5 Muscle Myths

Don't believe everything you hear at the gym

The gym is infested with bad information. Lies that start with well-intentioned gym teachers trickle down to students who become coaches or know-it-all gym-rat preachers. Lies morph into myths that endure because we don't ask questions, for fear of looking stupid.

Scientists, on the other hand, gladly look stupid — that's why they're so darn smart. Here's what top exercise scientists have to say about the information that's passed around in gyms.

Myth 1

Lifting incredibly slowly builds incredibly big muscles. Lifting super slowly produces super-long

workouts — and that's it. University of Alabama researchers recently studied two groups of lifters doing a 29-minute workout. One group performed exercises using a five-second up phase and a 10-second down phase, the other a more traditional approach of one second up and one second down. The faster group burned 71 percent more calories and lifted 250 percent more weight than the superslow lifters.

Myth 2

If you eat more protein, you'll build more muscle. To a point, sure. But put down the shake for a sec. Protein promotes the muscle-building process, called protein synthesis, "but

you don't need exorbitant amounts to do this," says John Ivy, Ph.D., coauthor of Nutrient Timing. If you're working out hard, consuming more than 0.9 to 1.25 grams of protein per pound of body weight is a waste. Excess protein breaks down into amino acids and nitrogen, which are either excreted or converted into carbohydrates and stored.

Myth 3

Leg extensions are safer for your knees than squats. It's a matter of knowing what you're doing. A recent study in Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise found that "openchain" exercises — those in which a single joint is activated, such as the leg extension — are potential-

ly more dangerous than closedchain moves — those that engage multiple joints, such as the squat and the leg press. The study found that leg extensions activate your quadricep muscles slightly independently of each other, and just a five-millisecond difference in activation causes uneven compression between the patella (kneecap) and thighbone, says Anki Stensdotter, the lead study author.

Myth 4

Never exercise a sore mus**cle.** Before you skip that workout. determine how sore you really are. "If your muscle is sore to the touch or the soreness limits your range of motion, it's best that you give the muscle at least another day of rest," says Alan Mikesky, Ph.D., director of the human performance and biomechanics laboratory at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. In less severe instances, an "active rest" and even light lifting can help alleviate some of the soreness. "Light activity stimulates blood flow through the muscles, which removes waste prod $ucts\,to\,help\,in\,the\,repair\,process,\"{}^{"}says$ David Docherty, Ph.D., a professor of exercise science at the University of Victoria in Canada.

Myth 5

Stretching prevents injuries.

Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reviewed more than 350 studies examining the relationship between stretching and injuries and concluded that stretching during a warm-up has little effect on injury prevention. "Stretching increases flexibility, but most injuries occur within the normal range of motion," says Julie Gilchrist, M.D., one of the study's researchers. Warming up is what prevents injury, by slowly increasing your blood flow and giving your muscles a chance to prepare. SCOTT QUILL (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF MEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE ® RODALE INC.)

running for congress

Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.)

AFTER HIS FIRST YEAR as the youngest member of Congress, McHenry, 31, decided he needed to change his fitness routine. Now he goes to the gym several times a week, either running on the treadmill or using the elliptical machine. "I realized that I was going to have to do something, that I was going to go crazy or I was going to have to buy new suits," he said. FAWN JOHNSON



"In college, there's the freshmen 15. In Congress, there's the freshman 15. You just don't take care of yourself. You're going constantly, and you're eating whatever you can eat, and you don't have time to get out of the office."

"I've lost close to 20 pounds this year. It's not really because of diet. It's just exercise."

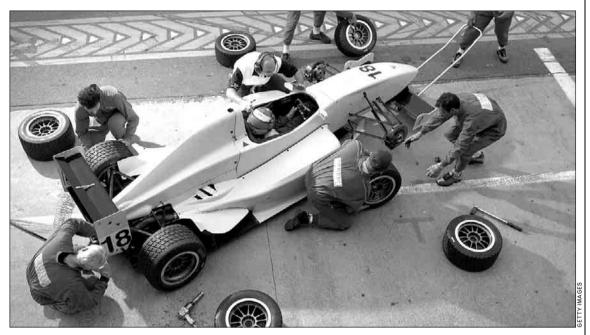
"My office is one-third of a mile from the House floor. I have to walk back and forth from the floor multiple times a day."

"Breads and potatoes. Hove 'em, but, you know, I try to cut it out."

"My dad was a marathon runner. I'd love to run a marathon at some point."

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License to Thrive

Strength and agility are required for pit crews

As a NASCAR driver comes screaming toward the pit, seven elite athletes are perched on the pit wall, preparing to launch themselves at the race car faster than a pack of hungry pumas.

When the car pulls in, the race is on. The jack man runs out, screeches to a halt and jacks up the 2-ton stock car in one motion. Front and rear tire-changers dash out just as quickly, hitting five lug nuts per tire in about one second. Working with the tire carriers, they yank the 70-pound tire off, hang a new tire, and hit the five lug nuts on it.

Meanwhile, the gas man hoists an 90-pound gas can and empties it into a 4-inch hole in six seconds, then does it again with a second can.

They do all this in 12 or 13 seconds, if all goes well.

You can ooh and aah at the quickness of a premier running back, and you can marvel at the power of a major league hitter. But for quick-moving explosive bursts of power, hand speed and all-around teamwork, you can't beat the unsung over-the-wall guy.

"They're going from zero to 100 percent in the snap of a finger," says Corinne Mauldin, pit crew coordinator for Richard Childress Racing. "They have to jump into action from a dead stop."

Today's pit crews are fitter, stronger and more agile than ever. Over the last 10 years, pit crew members have emerged as bona fide athletes, partly in response to changes in the race cars and the sport. As the cars have become more technologically advanced, success or failure in the pit has never been so important.

"The pit stops in a race are basically a race within a race," says Andrew Carter, a pit crew coach at Roush Racing. "Say you have two cars that are running equal speeds on the racetrack. What you gain or lose in the pit could mean the difference in winning or losing the race."

As a result, more teams are recruiting pit crew members for

specific athletic skills. Some are even snagged from local college and pro football teams.

Trainers and coaches work with the crews on drills and exercises designed to promote explosive speed, physical agility and handeye coordination. They also focus on core strength and balance, so that if the pit crew member slips, trips or is launched by a car, he'll have the skills to adjust his trajectory and land safely — the way a cat can flip in the air and land on its feet.

NASCAR evolved from bootleggers and moonshiners running from the law. That's a far cry from today's sport, but there's one similarity: They could have used an elite pit crew.

JANET CROMLEY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

RACE DAY READINESS

Many pit crew members do specialized exercises designed to mimic the functions of their jobs. Here are just a few of them:

- TIRE CHANGER: Holding a 5-pound medicine ball, the changer runs to the car's wheel well and rams the medicine ball at the wheel studs, simulating hitting the lug nuts as fast as he can. Then he pulls away, as if yanking off the tire.
- TIRE CARRIER: While standing, the carrier holds a 45-pound plate at waist level, then lifts it straight up.
- **JACK MAN:** Using a 35-pound medicine ball, the jack man runs around the car, halts at the right point and goes through the motions he would make if he were actually jacking up the car.
- **GAS MAN:** Standing on a smooth, 2-foot-by-8-foot Formica board, the athlete slides back and forth with booties on, like a speed skater, while attempting to hit a stationary cup with a gas spout.

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Wear the Natural Look

Here's how and why to purchase earthly beauty products

These days, there are more beauty products labeled "natural" and "organic" than there are Ugg boots in Britney Spears' closet.

According to market researchers, sales of "natural" and "organic" beauty goods reached \$4.3 billion in 2004 and are expected to hit \$6.6 billion by 2010. All of which begs investigation, since, when it comes to shampoos, lotions or lipsticks, the labels' claims don't always apply. "Any company can put 'natural' on its product, even if it contains less than 1 percent natural ingredients," said Rose-Marie Swift, president of beautytruth.net, a site that reports on the link between synthetic chemicals and health. How the heck are you supposed to know which natural products are really natural?

Hold that thought — and let's focus on why the au naturel approach is suddenly so de rigueur. For one thing, because they're generally milder, truly natural and organ-

ic products "are a great alternative for people prone to skin reactions or concerned about potentially harmful chemical additives," said Francesca Fusco, M.D., associate professor of clinical dermatology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Add to that the fact that there's very little information about what many manufactured beauty ingredients actually do to our bodies: 89 percent of the 10,500 ingredients used in personal care products have never even been evaluated for safety by the FDA, according to the nonprofit Environmental Working Group. That's because the FDA only examines ingredients that have received a complaint. "As much as 60 percent of topical skin-care products are absorbed through the skin and into the bloodstream," said Nancy Lonsdorf, M.D., an Iowa-based physician. "They should be consumed with the same prudence that we use to choose our breakfast cereal."

The simplest way to make sure



Lather up with organic products for a milder — but wilder — experience.

you're slathering on the best Mother Nature has to offer is to look for the green "USDA Organic" label on the package, said Craig Minowa, an environmental scientist at the non-profit Organic Consumers Association. The United States Department of Agriculture recently began allow-

ing the label (formerly reserved for food) on cosmetics whose contents are 95 percent certified organic — meaning they've been grown without synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. The remaining 5 percent of the ingredients must come from a list of allowable additives, which include

nonorganic natural substances and synthetics like ascorbic acid (vitamin C), calcium citrate and glycerin.

Most brands have yet to carry the seal, in part because organic ingredients are often costlier than nonorganic ones, Swift says. Three that do: Aubrey Organics, which makes hair- and skin-care products and cosmetics; Dr. Bronner's & Sun Dog's Magic, which makes lip and body balms and lotions; and Nourish, which makes face and body washes and body scrubs.

But if you don't need your cosmetics to double as dinner, there are lots of reliable natural brands that don't carry the USDA seal. The FDA requires product makers to list ingredients in descending order, with the highest concentrations first. So, "make sure the ingredients at the top are natural or plant-derived," said Kirstin Binder, president of Saffron Rouge, a Web site specializing in organic beauty products. Three brands Binder recommends: the German line Dr. Hauschka, high-end Jurlique and essential-oil-packed Primavera. They aren't completely organic, but they use lots of high-quality plant ingredients and essential oils. (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)





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Fix Your Foundation

By this time of year, all remnants of summer color are gone, and your skin is lighter. So choose a base at least one shade lighter than you'd wear in other seasons. And opt for a hydrating formula that contains moisturizing ingredients such as glycerin or sodium hyaluronate because skin tends to be drier, too.

Disguise Dark Circles

Winter colds can exacerbate puffiness and under-eye shadows. To fix, after putting on foundation, dab on a yellow-based cover-up one shade lighter than your base. Apply as close to the lash line as possible, blending from the outside edge of the eye socket to the side of your nose (which helps hide



the tinge cast by your eyes).

Perk Up Pale Cheeks

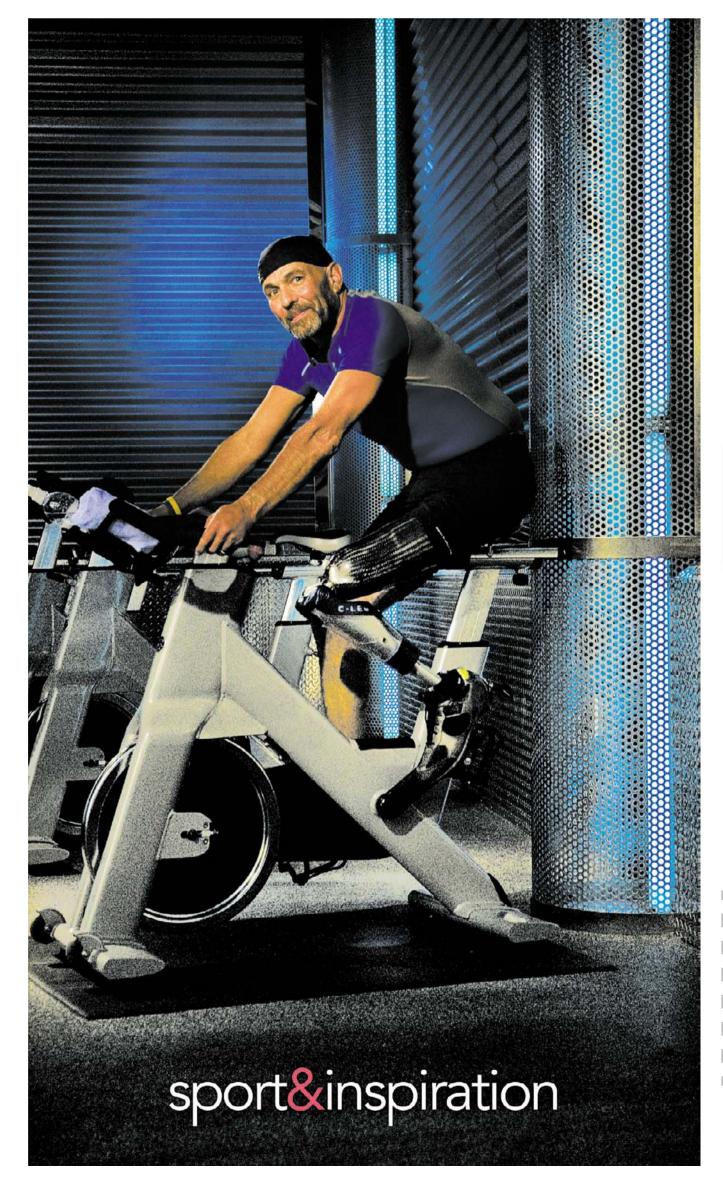
Bring back your bronzer. The reddish brown tones help counteract the ruddiness brought on by colder air. However, don't go more than two shades darker than your skin tone or you'll look muddy. Using a large brush, tap areas of your face that naturally pick up color: your forehead, nose, cheeks and chin.

Winterize Your Eyes

Fierce winds, not to mention the common cold, can cause your eyes to tear, resulting in runny shadow and mascara. For staying power, prime lids with face powder to absorb any excess oil, which can cause makeup to smudge. And use long-lasting formulas that are designed to work all day.

Polish Your Pucker

For luscious lips in ChapStick season, first remove dead skin by applying a lip balm and gently exfoliating with a damp washcloth. Then use cream lipsticks. And steer clear of ultra-dark shades, which age you because they absorb rather than reflect light. BOBBI BROWN (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM PREVENTION ® BODALE INC.)



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The Java Jive

I love coffee, but I've heard mixed messages when it comes to coffee and health. Please help!

coffee sometimes gets a bad rap, but unnecessarily so. In fact, the latest nutrition research confirms that a few cups of coffee a day won't cause harm, and that there may even be some health benefits linked to coffee consumption.

For instance, a new study from the University of California-San Diego found that coffee drinkers are less likely than non-coffee drinkers to develop Type 2 diabetes. Scientific evidence also suggests that coffee might protect against the development of



Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. From a nutrition standpoint, plain coffee or an unsweetened coffee drink made with non-fat milk is your best bet; a non-fat latte offers protein, calcium and vitamin D for as few as 100 calories.

Just remember — everything in moderation. Enjoy two or three cups of joe a day, but watch caffeine intake in the evening, especially if you have trouble falling or staying asleep.

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Don't fear the produce aisle of the supermarket. Gourds, beans and greens can make your meals healthier and better tasting.

Dishing on Dining

Jazz up your meals with wholesome ingredients

Staring at a bunch of kale, Elizabeth McBurney realized how rarely she cooked with greens. "That's a new ingredient for me," said the 37-year-old mom of two, who spent Saturday at Arlington's Sur La Table for a class titled "Fast and Easy: Healthy Meals for a Week."

As with most of the other students, preparing nutritious yet tasty dishes is a goal of McBurney's for the new year. And it appeared that the ovenroasted salmon over kale with dill and parsley would soon become a regular fixture on her dining room table. "A three-and-a-half-year-

old would think this was fun," she marveled as she separated the kale leaves from the stem. "Ripping your food. He could get into that."

Playing with produce gets the stamp of approval from Isabel Clark, the wellness counselor (clark wellness.net) who led the class. While boredom with veggies was a common complaint from the students, Clark said that only happens when folks limit their options. "For people who get in a rut, go to a farmer's market and look for the weirdest produce item you can and try it," she suggested. (That's how she became acquainted with Jerusalem artichokes and celery

root.) Whoever's working the stall can probably offer up some simple recipe suggestions, and maybe you'll find a new diet staple.

Including more veggies and other wholesome goodies in your eating rotation is an easier way of overhauling your diet than banning foods, Clark said. "Drink an extra three glasses of water a day, have whole grains, eat more sweet potatoes," she advised. Positive language lets a meal makeover sound more doable, and the more good stuff you're eating, the less likely you are to gorge on fatty and sugary stuff.

Her guidelines jibe well with "The Best Life Diet" by Bob Greene,

Oprah's personal trainer, which promises to be the next big diet book — look for Best Life labels on products all over the grocery store, including fat-free yogurts, grape-fruits and whole-grain pasta. Greene asks readers to drop just six foods, which are all easily replaced with healthier options (whole-grain bread instead of white bread, for instance). Even banned foods are permissible as "anything goes calories."

"Go to a farmer's market and look for the weirdest produce item you can."

Greene also emphasizes that physical changes won't necessarily come immediately, but they will eventually transform your body. "If you do it right, it'll be more sustainable," Clark agreed.

Doing it right requires cooking at home, because it's only when meals originate in one's own kitchen that you can be sure what went into them. That can be daunting for the uninitiated, so Clark encourages wouldbe chefs to peruse for inspiration. One of her favorites is "The Saucy Vegetarian" by Joanne Stepaniak, which suggests simple condiments (ideal for dipping veggies) that can be made with a whisk or a blender.

When the hunger for naughty foods comes, simply give yourself a zero-calorie reward. "I recommend a grandma-style, old-school hot-water bottle," Clark said. "Place it on your abdomen. It brings attention and balance to that part of your body. It's just a nice soothing treat."

Hopefully, by 2008, you'll just be craving heaps of leafy kale anyway. Vicky hallett (express)

Healthy Fats and Flavorings

SALMON TACOS, makes four servings

INGREDIENTS: 1 1/4 pounds salmon fillet; salt and black pepper; 2 tbsp. fresh lime juice; four scallions, thinly sliced on the diagonal; 1 cup packed fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped; 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream; eight 6-inch whole wheat tortillas; 4 cups shredded romaine lettuce; two medium carrots, peeled into strips. **GETTING STARTED:** Place the salmon in a 2 1/2- quart microwave-safe dish with a lid. Season with salt and pepper, then drizzle with 1 tbsp. of the lime juice. Sprinkle with the scallions and 1/4 cup of the cilantro. Cover and microwave on high for seven minutes. Pour off any liquid and flake with a fork. In a small bowl, stir togeth-



er sour cream and remaining lime juice and cilantro. Season with salt and pepper. When the fish has cooked, stack the tortillas between paper towels. Microwave on high for 45 seconds. Arrange lettuce and carrots in each tortilla, top with salmon and drizzle with sauce. Fold in half. (AP)

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point missing there?

Luna Elixir (\$18 for 15, drugstores)

THE VERDICT: Like its nutritionbar kin. Luna's drink mix is aimed at women, with 15 percent of the RDA of calcium and 10 percent of iron, plus vitamins A, C, E and several B's. It's afflicted, not with an aftertaste, but with a beforetaste: As you're about to sip, a chalky smell taints the wholly inoffensive, weakly flavored water that follows.



Garden of Life Tea Packets

(\$12 for 30, evitamins.com)

THE VERDICT: Each green or oolong packet contains a soy sauce-looking fluid that transforms water into tea without the pesky steeping. The green variety was sweet and gentle, like greenteaice cream, while the oolong was inexplicably coffee-flavored, and created a dark, bitter brew our tester compared to Guinness.

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Regular Rubbers

■ It's a case for Sherlock Holmes. In two U.K. surveys done 10 years apart, there's been an upswing in the number of young Brits who use condoms (for 16- to 24-yearold guys, it's gone from 61 percent in 1990 to 82 percent in 2000). Yet, there's been an increase in STDs. Doctors from the University of Brighton are surmising this is because many of the folks with multiple partners are inconsistent with their condom use. So use them all the time, my dear Watsons.



No, Dope, Use Soap

■ Purell addicts, take note. In the January issue of the Harvard Health Letter, editor Dr. Anthony Komaroff reported that washing up after a bathroom break with old-fashioned soap and water is just as effective as squirting on antibacterial sanitizers. Just 15 seconds of soap and water scrubbing banishes 90 percent of bacteria. The problem? A lot of people don't do that. That's when the gels come in handy, but they have to be used properly, with enough sanitizer to cover the entire hand.

Look, but Don't Pet

■ Sure it looks adorable, but that pet hamster could be a salmonella infection waiting to happen. An article published in the New England Journal of Medicine warned about the dangers of "pocket pets," which can harbor disease and pass it on to humans -which is what happened during a 2004 outbreak. So if you want to keep Fluffy, be sure to wash your hands a lot, don't smooth her, and keep her out of the kitchen.

Stethoscope Thighs on the Prizes

Lose weight, feel better and win something while you're doing it

Successfully obtaining a slimmer, more toned body that always engages in healthy habits might be enough to entice some people to overhaul their lives for the new year. But it never hurts to throw in a prize — or at least some free stuff — too. And sorry, kids! You have to be 18 or older to bag a grand prize in these four contests.

National Body Challenge

A million smackeroos will go to two lucky adults who sign up for the free Discovery Health Channel's weight-loss extravaganza (health.discovery.com/ BodyChallenge). You get an additional chance to win every time you update your activities and weight on the site. (The winner's not chosen by most weight lost, though — it's just random.) While trying to up your chances for the million, you'll, hopefully, linger on the site to get tips from health experts and peruse some of the 1,000 recipes. Everyone who enters gets a free eight-week membership for Bally Total Fitness.

To kick off the program, celebratory events are being held across the country this weekend (including at Westfield Shoppingtown Montgomery, 7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda). You can get weighed, have a body-fat analysis, chat with nutritionists or trainers, win prizes in a trivia contest and more. Just be sure to snag an appointment before hitting the mall.



Health & Fitness Expo

If the promises of a rock-climbing wall, a ski simulator, an indoor soccer field and Dance Dance Revolution Extreme 2 don't inspire you to haul your bum to the D.C. Convention Center this weekend for NBC4's annual expo (Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), perhaps the chance to enter a sweepstakes for a trip for four to Universal Orlando will (find out the details at nbc4.com/healthandfitnessexpo). But even if you don't get the grand prize, various exhibitors are making the trek worthwhile, offering chances to score free workout passes, bicycle helmets and pedometers. And then there's all the free info you

If the idea of dropping inches isn't inspiring, how about a prize of \$1 million?

can get from the cooking demonstrations and health screenings (for cholesterol, diabetes and more).

Rock the Scales

Members of Washington Sports Clubs (including ones who join by Jan. 31 and take advantage of the special \$20.07 membership fee) can enter to win in this free music-themed promotion, which will reward certain participants with a trip to Vegas, a Pilates getaway in Toronto, a \$2,000 shopping spree, exercise equipment and more. Winners aren't selected based on weight loss, just participation (find out more at mysportsclubs.com). But it can't hurt to follow the fitness advice you'll get in weekly e-mails or the eight-week meal plan developed for the program.

Rite Weigh Challenge

While stopping in to pick up a prescription or online, you can sign up for Rite Aid's free healthy living program that promises to help you lose up to 10 percent of your body weight in 10 weeks (riteaid.com/ riteweighchallenge). You just have to drop in on live, online weight loss seminars, check out routines from Fitness Magazine and download RiteAid's Healthy Weight Guide. Plus, if participants update their data for each of the 10 weeks, they can win one of five grand prizes: their choice of a \$500 Rite Aid gift card, a \$500 Spa Finder gift card or a year's membership for Bally Total Fitness. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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